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SUBJ: HOLY LAND CONSERVATION FUND PLANS FOR MIDDLE EAST

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1. EMB WILL SEEK APPOINTMENTS FOR BRUNN, SINGER AND CARAS WITH GOE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS; PARTICULARLY DR. HASSAN HAFEZ, DIRECTOR GIZA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, CAIRO, DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, CHAIRMAN ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC) OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY (ASRT) AND FORMER PRES., CAIRO UNIV. AND/OR DR. MUSTAFA HAFEZ COUNSELOR, ASRT AND DEP. CHAIRMAN ERC.

2. US DEPT. OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS) HAS THREE SFCP RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ONGOING IN EGYPT WHICH ARE RELATED TO HOLY LAND FUND INTERESTS. THESE ARE WITH GIZA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AND ARE TITLED:

- A) INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP.
- B) ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN.

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C) PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

HOLY LAND CONSERVATION FUND REPS MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THESE ACTIVITIES WITH MR. LAWRENCE MASON, DEPUTY CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF, FWS IN WASH. BEFORE COMING. THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION MIGHT ALSO HAVE SOME THOUGHTS OR RELEVANT INFO, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF

ORNITHOLOGICAL INTERESTS OF SECRETARY, DR. S. DILLON RIPLEY.
SMI HAS SEVERAL SFCP PROJECTS IN EGYPT, BUT NONE IN THIS
SPECIFIC AREA.

3. FUND REPS SHOULD CONTACT SCIATT A.E.RICHMOND AFTER
ARRIVAL RE BRIEFINGS AND APPOINTMENTS.

4. COMMENT, WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUBJECT OF
REGIONAL COOPERATION BEING EXPLORED WITH GOE TECHNICAL
OFFICIALS; FUND REPS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR, AT BEST,
NON COMMITTAL REPLIES, OR REPLIES LINKING CLOSER CONTACTS
OR COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL TO PROGRESS ON POLITICAL
FRONT, RATHER THAN OTHER WAY AROUND. SUGGEST THAT ONE
THEME FOR INITIAL TRIAL MIGHT BE SHARING OF INFORMATION.
THERE ARE ALREADY SOME INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN EGYPT-
IAN AND ISRAELI SCIENTISTS AND WE KNOW OF A FEW LETTER
EXCHANGES. HOWEVER, GOE HAS SHOWN NO SIGN TO DATE OF
WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN ANY SPECIFIC BILATERAL OR
MULTILATERAL PROJECT INVOLVING ISRAEL. EILTS

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